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C O N F I D E N T I A L USUN 2477

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SUBJ: CYPRUS IN SC: CONSULTATIONS WITH SC PRESIDENT AND
GREEK AMBASSADOR PANAYOTACOS

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SUMMARY: SC PRESIDENT TOLD AMB SCALI THAT SYG WOULD ADDRESS
PRIVATE MEETING OF SC AT NOON TODAY, AFTER WHICH SC MEMBERS
WOULD BE ASKED THEIR VIEWS ON HEARING MAKARIOS. IN EARLIER
CALL ON SCALI, GREEK AMB PANAYOTACOS SAID SC CALL FOR
WITHDRAWAL OF NATIONAL GUARD OFFICERS WOULD BE TOTALLY UNA-
CCEPTABLE TO SAMPSON GOVT. END SUMMARY.

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1. AMB SCALI MET WITH SC PRES PEREZ DE CUELLAR (PERU)

AT 10:30 AM JULY 18 FOR CONSULTATIONS ON SC CONSIDERATION OF CYPRUS. PEREZ SAID THAT MEETING HE WAS CALLING FOR NOON TODAY WOULD BE PRIVATE WITHOUT RECORDS. SYG WILL FIRST ADDRESS COUNCIL, AFTER WHICH PEREZ INTENDS TO CONSULT WITH MEMBERS ON QUESTION OF HEARING MAKARIOS. HE SAID THAT DESPITE SOME RESERVATIONS (HE SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED FRANCE) HIS CONSULTATIONS SO FAR INDICATE GENERAL DISPOSITION TO HEAR MAKARIOS AS CHIEF OF STATE.

2. PEREZ GAVE SCALI FIVE POWER DRAFT REPORTED REFTEL. HE SAID IDEAL SCENARIO IN HIS VIEW WAS TO HAVE THIS DOCUMENT APPROVED BY CONSENSUS PRIOR TO MAKARIOS' ARRIVAL IN ORDER TO FORESTALL PREDICTABLE DEMAND BY ARCHBISHOP FOR HIS RECOGNITION. PEREZ INDICATED THAT HE HAD DOUBTS AS TO SUCCESS OF THIS PLAN, PARTICULARLY SINCE BRITISH FELT IT UNWISE TO ADOPT ANY RES BEFORE HEARING ARCHBISHOP. (AFTER THIS MEETING, FRENCH TOLD US THEY HAD NO SUBSTANTIVE OBJECTION TO FIVE POWER DRAFT, BUT AGREED WITH BRITISH THAT MAKARIOS SHOULD BE HEARD FIRST. INDEED, THEY SAID THEY PLANNED TO FOLLOW UK LEAD SINCE LATTER WAS PRINCIPALLY CONCERNED EUROPEAN POWER.)

3. SCALI SAID HE HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS AS YET AND WAS UNABLE TO TAKE A POSITION ON FIVE POWER DRAFT. HE ASKED PERSONALLY WHETHER PEREZ THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO SUBSTITUTE WORD "REPLACEMENT" FOR "WITHDRAWAL" (I.E., OF "FOREIGN MILITARY PERSONNEL" PRESENTLY SERVING IN NATIONAL GUARD) IN PARA 3 OF DRAFT. PEREZ INDICATED SUCH A CHANGE WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE ACCEPTABLE TO OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS.

4. GREEK AMB TO WASHINGTON, PANAYOTACOS, WHO HAS BEEN TEMPORARILY ASSIGNED TO REPRESENT GREECE AT FORTHCOMING SC MEETING, CALLED ON AMB SCALI JUST BEFORE CONSULTATIONS WITH SC PRES. THERE WAS NOT MUCH NEW IN WHAT PANAYOTACOS HAD TO SAY. HE TOTALLY REJECTED ACCUSATIONS OF GREEK INVOLVEMENT IN COUP ALTHOUGH "A FEW JUNIOR GREEK OFFICERS MIGHT HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN PLANNING." PROOF OF GREEK NON-INVOLVEMENT WAS THAT ATHENS HAD BEEN COMPLETELY CUT OFF FROM CONTACT WITH ITS EMBASSY AND OFFICERS THROUGHOUT CRISIS AND GREEK CONTINGENT AND NATIONAL GUARD COMMONDERS WERE IN GREECE. FINALLY, PANAYOTACOS SAID ALTHOUGH THIS WAS "A VERY SAD OCCASION",
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MAKARIOS REALLY HAD IT COMING TO HIM. ON POSSIBLE SC ACTION, PANAYOTACOS STATED ANY RESOLUTION WHICH CALLED FOR WITHDRAWAL OF NATIONAL GUARD OFFICERS WOULD BE TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE. HE SAID SAMPSON GOVT WOULD CERTAINLY IGNORE SUCH A RES AND THAT IN ANY CASE SC RESES HAVE "NO SUBSTANTIVE EFFECT". HE FELT WAY OUT MIGHT BE FOR COUNCIL TO RECOMMEND "REPLACEMENT" RATHER THAN "WITHDRAWAL" OF NATIONAL GUARD OFFICERS. HE SAID HE HAD IN MIND POSSIBLE REPLACEMENT OF ONE-THIRD OF

THE 650 OFFICERS DURING COMING YEAR, BUT TIMING COULD BE
NEGOTIATED.

5. COMMENT: WE AGREE WITH PEREZ THAT PANAYOTACOS' SUGGESTION
FOR REPLACING GUARD OFFICERS WITH OTHER GREEKS INSTEAD OF
WITHDRAWING THEM ENTIRELY WOULD NOT BE ACCEPTABLE TO
THIS COUNCIL. AS WE ARE REPORTING SEPTEL, SOVIETS HAVE ALREADY
INTRODUCED TOUGHER AMENDMENTS TO FIVE POWER DRAFT ALLUDING
SPECIFICALLY TO GREEK INTERFERENCE IN CYPRUS'S INTERNAL
AFFAIRS, DEMANDING IMMEDIATE CESSATION OF GREEK MILITARY
INTERVENTION AND REFERRING TO MAKARIOS AS
PRESIDENT OF CYPRUS. WE UNDERSTAND UK WILL ALSO PROPOSE
AMENDMENTS. IN OUR VIEW, US COURSE SHOULD BE TO INFORM
PROMPTLY FIVE POWER DRAFT SPONSORS THAT U.S. WOULD NOT
OPPOSE THEIR RESOLUTION SO LONG AS NO AMENDMENTS ARE MADE
TO IT. GIVEN MOOD OF COUNCIL, EVEN THIS MAY NOT BE ENOUGH.
WITHDRAWAL OF GREEK MILITARY FROM NATIONAL GUARD NOW
SEEMS IRREDUCIBLE MINIMUM. OUR RECOMMENDED TACTIC SEEMS TO
US TO AFFORD BEST CHANCE OF BOTH PREVENTING SUBSTANTIAL WORSENING
OF THIS TEXT AND ATTRACTING SOME ABSTENTIONS ON SOVIET-
STYLE DRAFT OR AMENDMENTS. IF WE OPPOSE MODERATE FIVE
POWER DRAFT FROM START, WE REDUCE OUR LEVERAGE AND MAY WELL
END UP COMPLETELY ISOLATED WITH NEED EITHER FOR U.S. VETO
OR ADOPTION OF AN UNACCEPTABLE TEXT.

6. IN APPROPRIATE STATEMENT WE COULD DISSOCIATE U.S.
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